

Application No. 10/643,163
Amendment dated Sept. 16, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action of July 27, 2004

Remarks

Claims 2-10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Catlin, et al (hereinafter Catlin).

The rejection states Catlin discloses an external mirror assembly comprising a housing 20 having an interior, a rim 81 configured to limit pivoting of the mirror assembly and a covering. The assembly is said to include a holder 64 depending through the housing. A carrier plate 18 having a base portion and a recess which is attachable with the holder.

This rejection is respectfully traversed as improper.

As required in 37 C.F.R. 1.111, phrases set forth in rejected claims 6 and 10 which patentably define the claims over the prior art will now be referred to.

Claim 10 calls for a rear view mirror assembly comprising a housing including a rim and a covering. The claim then calls for a holder depending through the housing. Catlin discloses no such holder, rather a pair of bolts 64 extending through opposed rim edges provide the holder in this arrangement.

The claim calls for a clamping plate including a base portion having a clamping recess extending thereover and being attachable with the holder. Catlin discloses no structure remotely equivalent this claimed structure.

For these reasons it is believed claim 10 patentably distinguishes over the reference of the invention.

Claims 2-5 and 12 depend from claim 10 and are believed allowable for the

Application No. 10/643,163
Amendment dated Sept. 16, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action of July 27, 2004

stated reasons.

In view of the above reasons for allowance, it respectfully requested that the Final Rejection of 7/27/04 be withdrawn, the proposed Amendment entered and the case passed to issue in the due course of PTO business.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry S. Jaudon
Registration 34,056
McNair Law Firm, PA
P.O. Box 10827
Greenville, SC 29603-0827
Telephone: (864) 232-4261
Agent for the Applicant